

the *Yajur- Veda* has been commenced,—by Dr. "Weber, at Berlin,—the publication of which has been, also, liberally aided by the Court of Directors.

The text of the *Sankitq* of the *Sdma-Veda*, and a translation by the Bey. Mr. Stevenson, were published, some years since, by the Oriental Translation Fund; and a more carefully elaborated edition of the same, with a translation in German, and a copious glossary and index, has been recently published by Professor Benfey, of G-ottingen. In time, therefore, we shall be well supplied with the *Mantra* portion of the *Veda*: but there is yet but a partial and distant prospect of our having the *Srdhmana* printed, and being, thus,

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enabled, from adequate materials, to determine how far the whole may be legitimately considered as a constituent part of the *Veda*.

From a careful examination of the *Aitareya* *Brdhmana*, with an excellent commentary by SAYANA

Ach&rya.) it is sufficiently evident, that this work, at least, is of a totally distinct description from the collection of the *Mantr&s*, or the *SanMtd*, of the *\$ig-Veda*. Although, no doubt, of considerable antiquity, it is, manifestly, of a date long subsequent to

the original
Suktas, or hymns, from the manner in
which they are
quoted,—not systematically, or
continuously, or com-
pletely, but separately, unconnectedly,
and partially;
a few phrases only being given, forming the
beginning,
not even of an entire hymn, but of an
isolated stanza,
occurring in any part of the hymn, or in
any part of the
Sanhitd; consequently proving, that the
Sanhitd must
have been compiled, and widely circulated,
and gene-